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Refuge Releases Details for 2013 Drive-On Fishing Permit Process

Those interested in applying for a 2013 Drive-On Fishing Permit at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge may do so from Wednesday, July 17 through Friday, August 2 (inclusive). 85 permits will be issued this year.

Permit applicants must provide all of the following information, either in person or via mail: name, address, email address, and a daytime phone number. Applicants must also provide their Massachusetts Saltwater License number OR the number of a saltwater license that was issued to them by a state that has a reciprocity agreement in place with the State of Massachusetts (NH, RI, CT). Applicants must also provide a copy of their 4x4 vehicle registration. (Note: A vehicle registration can only be used for one application.)

Complete applications must be received at Refuge Headquarters no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, August 2. Permits will be awarded by lottery selection. Selectees will be notified by email or phone no later than Wednesday, August 7. All selectees must pick up their permit, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee at the Parker River NWR headquarters by Saturday, August 17. If any permits remain unclaimed, alternates will be notified by August 19 and must pick up their permit, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee by August 24. Additional information will be provided to selectees. Inspections will be conducted weekdays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am to noon.

Applications can be mailed to: Parker River NWR, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA, 01950. Applications can also be dropped off at the same location during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

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